

BGSL 2024-2025 Hunting Guidelines

You must be a member in good standing and meet the necessary rules and requirements to hunt BGSL property. "**Please be respectful and courteous at all times**".

Anyone Hunting on BGSL Proper is required to have your KY state hunting license and purchase an annual BGSL Hunting Permit of \$100.00 along with any other associated fees based on type of game.

Legal game to hunt on BGSL: **Small Game - Turkey - Deer**

KDFWR seasons apply. (With exceptions of noted closed dates at BGSL)

BGSL CLOSED Dates for SMALL GAME / TURKEY / WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES (dates are based on historical time frames, these may change)

Oct. 12 th and Oct. 13 th 2024	(Youth only deer)
Oct. 19 th and Oct. 20 th 2024	(Muzzleloader deer)
Nov. 9 th 2024 - Nov. 24 th 2024	(Modern gun deer)

All **KDFWR & BGSL** rules and regulations must be followed.

EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE A SCHEDULED BGSL HUNTER ORIENTATION COURSE

Participants must attend and complete a BGSL hunter orientation course, led by the BGSL Operations Manager or a member of the Wildlife Committee prior to going afield.

- Participants that hunted the previous year may choose to receive an electronic copy with any updates or changes highlighted and sign and drop off the hunting waver before going afield.
- **Participants that did not hunt the previous year must attend the hunter orientation in person.**

This course must be attended/renewed annually.

For the 2024-2025 seasons:

Saturday, May 4th @ 9:00 AM
Saturday, Aug 3rd @ 9:00 AM
Thursday, Aug 15th @ 7:00 PM
Saturday, Aug 24th @ 9:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 5th @ 10:00 AM
Thursday, Oct 24th @ 7:00 PM

Small Game Hunting at BGS�

Rabbit, Squirrel, Dove, Crow, Coyote, and Waterfowl

Small Game - BGS� Hunting permit of \$100 required, family members may also hunt small game with no additional fees/qualifications.

State legal archery equipment may be used.

Firearms must be shotguns (#6 shot or smaller, Dove is #7.5 or smaller) or airguns of adequate power as defined by the state of Kentucky. (Please see Coyote hunting exceptions)

Rifles may NOT be used for small game on the club property with the exception of Coyote hunting. (Please see Coyote hunting exceptions)

No Dove hunting away from the Dove Field!!

Dove Season shooting times:

1st Season - Sept 1st through Oct. 26th

Sept 1st 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and again at 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Dove Field is closed to hunting “Monday - Thursday” thru Sept.

Beginning Sept 6th thru Sept 29th “Fridays – Saturday – Sunday ONLY”

Mornings - Sunrise - 9:00 AM / Afternoons 4:30 PM – 1 hour before sunset.

Beginning Thursday Oct 4th– Oct 26th Sunrise – ½ hour before to sunset!

2nd Season - Nov 28th- Dec 8th -- Sunrise – ½ hour before to sunset!

3rd Season - Dec 21st -Jan 12th -- Sunrise – ½ hour before to sunset!

As everyone knows sunset changes daily, be sure to check the times, it’s your responsibility to know the correct shooting times!!

All Dove hunting to follow KDFWR and BGSL regulations/guidelines.

Numbered shooting stations available (hay bales will be placed accordingly)

- 1-2 adults per station or 1 adult and two youth
- Hunters must sign in and out in the lobby at the main clubhouse.
- Eye and Hearing protection required
- Shot size must be #7.5 or smaller
- Trained & leashed Bird retrieving dogs are allowed
- **Only shoot high birds, “Do not shoot low birds”** or towards the main clubhouse. Shot angles should not be less than 45 degrees.
- Guns must be unloaded walking to and from the Dove field
- Pick up your empty hulls

Coyote

All coyote hunting to follow KDFWR and BGSL regulations/guidelines.

Max of 2 hunters per zone, you must check in and out.

Legal weapons for Coyote hunting: BGSL legal deer hunting weapons

- Muzzleloader
- Shotguns (following state guidelines (No single projectiles for)
- Straight-wall rifle calibers (350 Legend, 450 Bushmaster, 444 Marlin, 45-70)
- Straight-wall pistol calibers not to exceed 44 Mag (357M, 44M, etc)

Turkey: Spring Turkey “April 13th - May 5th 2024”

- **Spring Turkey Permit Lottery** - (If you are drawn to hunt you are required to purchase a BGSL Hunting Permit of \$100 before hunting)!
- **Fall Turkey Permit \$60 for 2 birds. (included with Either Sex Deer Hunters Fees)**

Legal Turkey hunting equipment: Archery, crossbow, and gun opportunities.
Remember to check the dates for legal hunting equipment.

BGSL DEER REGULATIONS

The BGSL has worked hard to grow and maintain a healthy deer herd with trophy individuals present. With over 1400 acres (of which several hundred are wooded) available to our qualified hunters, you have the recipe for a truly quality deer hunting experience. There are no guarantees; but, qualified hunters have the opportunity to hunt in an area where trophy whitetails live and breathe.

ALL STATE GAME & WILDLIFE REGULATIONS ARE ALWAYS ENFORCED. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW AND FOLLOW EXISTING WILDLIFE GUIDELINES.

Deer

- **BGSL EITHER SEX DEER hunters**, in exchange for an increased fee structure, will have exclusive hunting privileges from **(Sat.) Nov. 9th, 2024 – (Tue.) Nov. 12th, 2024**
- **Either sex deer hunters who have already harvested their buck with a bow may not hunt the first 4 days of the modern gun season. They may hunt beginning Wednesday Nov. 13th.**

Youth Only Deer: Oct. 12th 2024 – Oct. 13th 2024 and Dec 28th - Dec29th 2024

Youth Weekends: These weekends are open to dependent youth and grandchildren of BGSL members in good standing. These hunt opportunities are mentor hunts and a competent adult must accompany the youth while afield. Youth may hunt BGSL fee exempt during youth weekend(s). **There will be no antler restrictions for the First free youth weekend.** All other guidelines and general qualifications for the BGSL property must be followed.

Youth Mentor Incentive:

The BGSL encourages you to “take a kid hunting”: **qualified BGSL small game hunters may take their family hunting in a mentor scenario at no additional fee/qualification.**

General Qualifications:

Meeting the general qualification minimum(s) for gun and archery is required prior to final approval to hunt on BGSL property. Interested members must meet the appropriate qualification standards.

IN ORDER TO HUNT YOU MUST:

1. PASS GUN/ARCHERY QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

- a. You may "shoot-to-qualify" anytime the ranges are open. RSO's on duty (at the GP Range) will have deer qualification targets available for those interested in qualifying with a gun. Once the standard is shot and met, the on-duty RSO will sign the target. Please ensure that the target (staff signed and dated) is turned into the office or given to the operations manager.
- b. The qualification requirements for are:
- c. Open sight guns 2 bullets within a 7" circle at 50 yards.
- d. Scoped guns 2 bullets within a 7" circle at 100 yards.
- e. Archery qualifications will be held at the time of Hunter Orientations.
- f. Requirements (crossbow included) 2 arrows in the kill zone of a 3D deer target at an unknown distance between 10 and 30 yards.
- g. Hunters may attempt to qualify twice a day for a maximum of four days.

2. Members will need to produce proof of successful completion of a state-recognized education course based on KDFWR requirements. All hunters born on or after January 1st 1975 are required to carry a valid hunter education course completion card in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license.

3. PAY THE ASSOCIATED FEES

Associated fees must be paid prior to hunting on the BGSL property.

- a. **Hunting permit:** \$100 BGSL (Includes Small Game Hunting)
- b. **Antlerless Deer:** \$100 fee antlerless deer
- c. **Either Sex Deer:** \$400 fee either sex deer (includes fall turkey permit)

Youth Fees: (outside the free youth weekends)

- d. **Antlerless Deer:** \$50 BGSL Hunting permit + \$50 fee antlerless deer = \$100

Either Sex Deer: \$50 BGSL Hunting permit + \$200 fee either sex deer = \$250

***** Hunting Fees must be paid before placing stands and/or blinds. *****

Deer Harvest Limits

A total of **two deer per Antlerless** hunter and **3 deer per Either Sex deer hunter** may be taken on BGSL property.

Harvest Quota

The maximum harvest quota is set at 30 antlerless deer. In the event that this harvest number is achieved, antlerless hunting will cease until a herd assessment can be done to determine if additional animals should be taken.

Deer Harvest Tags

A hunter must use his/her own state-legal tag for all deer harvested on the BGSL property. NO special harvest or cull tags will be issued.

Antlerless Deer

“Antlerless Deer” on the BGSL are considered by the same definition as those outlined in the Kentucky state hunting regulations. However, **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE HARVEST OF ADULT, MATURE DOES!**

Antlered Deer

Qualified either sex deer hunters have the option of harvesting an antlered deer on the property. The League has a minimum standard that applies when harvesting antlered animals. Legal antlered deer must have a minimum antler spread of 15”. Please be certain that your deer meets this standard before you shoot! Failure to observe this standard may result in disciplinary action from the BGSL Board of Directors. Shooting a marginal buck is not worth your membership!

Lawful Hunting Equipment

Archery equipment must meet state minimums. Crossbows are considered lawful equipment during the Kentucky statewide crossbow season. The use of modern firearms on the BGSL are restricted to shotguns and muzzleloaders (those meeting the state minimums for deer). Additionally, certain handguns and long guns may be used. Handguns must fire legal cartridges that are straight walled and up to a .44 Mag. caliber. Examples of legal handgun calibers are .45 Long Colt, .357, .44, and 41 Magnum. Modern long guns may be used **ONLY** if they shoot straight walled pistol cartridges up to a .44 caliber or straight walled rifle cartridges not to exceed .45 caliber (350 Legend, 444 Marlin, 450 Bushmaster, and 45-70).

Checking / Tagging Harvested Deer

ALL deer must meet state tele check standards. The BGSL must have your issued confirmation number recorded in the hunter logbook prior to the deer being transported off the property. BGSL staff must also be notified and the deer inspected (by BGSL employee, Wildlife Committee member, or designate) prior to leaving the property.

Hunter Check-in / Check-out Procedure

Check in sheet and map will be in the main lobby of the clubhouse!

All approved BGSL hunters must check in at the start of each hunt and check-out at the conclusion of each hunt. This process needs to be observed every time for every hunt. The hunter logbook serves as the record of checking in and checking out. Please fill out this information correctly and completely. Further details will be covered in the scheduled BGSL hunter orientation classes. **When accessing BGSL property to hunt via Car, Truck, Air Plane, Helicopter, ATV, Motorcycle, or Boat you must sign in and out at the main club house!!**

Zone / Hunter Maximum

We have 5 hunting zones. There are a maximum of 5 Deer hunters allowed in a hunt zone at any given time. Turkey and Coyote have a maximum of 2 hunters per zone!

Baiting

Baiting deer and wildlife on BGSL property is prohibited. Salt, sweet syrups, and other common deer attractants are considered bait. Gland lure and other scent-type attractants are allowed. Please clean up any wicks or scent delivery devices after your hunt.

Tree Stands / Ground Blinds

Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Tree stands that damage trees are not permitted. (i.e. screw-in types, etc.) ALL stands, blinds must be labeled with the owner/hunter's name and phone number. They may be erected August 1st prior to the season opener and they must be removed by March 1st after BGSL season closure. Stands improperly labeled/marked or found in the woods outside the specified times/locations are subject to immediate confiscation and the owner (if known) may be assessed a fine. Additionally, they may have their hunting privileges revoked. Pop-up style blinds are subject to the same labeling and date restrictions as are tree stands and must be marked in accordance with Kentucky regulations. "You should not place stands or blinds near others. Try to keep your stand or blind approximately 100 yards from others."

Driving off Roadways

Hunters may drive off the road only to erect or retrieve a stand/blind or to retrieve a harvested deer. In all cases, requests should be made to BGSL staff prior to leaving the roadways. Please be mindful of the time and location of other hunters when you do leave the maintained roads to help preserve the hunt quality for others. Mobility impaired hunters may see BGSL staff for special dispensation.

Restricted Areas

Due to the nature of League activities, certain areas may be closed to hunting for safety and or event conflicts, etc. Closings may vary and often come with short notice. Please keep yourself informed by faithfully checking the information board located by the hunter logbook in the foyer. Some of the general locations that will be closed to hunting are:

1. All ranges and the area(s) immediately around such ranges. Please observe 100yd. buffer around these areas. Primitive campsites may also be included in this category.
2. Hunting from buildings (including barns) is prohibited.
3. The Gun Dog training fields are off-limits & hunting is restricted.
4. The entire area inside the paved loop of the main road.
5. The pasture/hay fields around the main clubhouse.
6. RV Camping Areas.

This is NOT a full list of restricted areas. Please be attentive in orientation class and observe all temporary closures posted and/or communicated.

Hunter Logbook

Hunters MUST check-in and check-out EACH and every time they go afield. This book will be maintained in the main clubhouse foyer for easy access.

Hunter Observation Forms

Hunters may be required to fill out a brief, confidential hunter observation survey as they check-out. This information will be used to help track population trends, etc. and will be valuable in making quality hunts for future years. Failure/refusal to do so may result in loss of hunting privileges.

Game Survey(s)

In order to help us better manage BGS� resources, qualified hunters may be required to fill out hunter observation surveys that will be reviewed by BGS� staff and or KDFWR professionals.

No Guarantees - No Refunds

This is NOT a “no kill – no pay” hunt situation. Meeting all qualification standards does not guarantee you a filled tag at season’s end. All hunts are 100% fair chase with 100% wild white-tailed deer. Hunts may be restricted as events evolve (i.e. harvest quotas met, disease in herd, etc.) There will be NO REFUNDS.

Violations

Again state game laws are always enforced. Additional rules may be applied by the BGS� Board of Directors. Failure to follow said rules may result in, but not necessarily be limited to the items below.

1. Loss of wild game harvested. (game will be donated to Hunters for the Hungry)
2. Loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the year and following year.
3. BGS� community service.
4. Possible expulsion from BGS� for 6 months or longer.

The wildlife committee will evaluate and provide Board of Directors recommendations of any and all violations for final penalties.

Furbearer trapping on the BGS� Special orientation is required; please contact the operations manager for details and scheduling.

Please educate yourself on the rules and regulations. If in doubt – ask! It is a privilege to hunt on private, League lands. Be a good sport and live out the ideals that the club extols. Don’t break the rules and insist that others do the same!